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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## HOUSE BILL NO. 292

## BY REVENUE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND LEG-ISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-911, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVI-SIONS REGARDING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES FUND; AMENDING SECTION 34-106, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING DATES ON WHICH SCHOOL LEVY AND BOND ELECTIONS MAY BE HELD; AMENDING CHAPTER 8, TITLE 57, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 57-810, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN EXCESS CASH BALANCE MONEYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPERTY TAX RELIEF; REPEALING SECTION 62, CHAPTER 318, LAWS OF 2022, RELATING TO THE REPEAL OF THE TAX RELIEF FUND; AMENDING SECTION 63, CHAPTER 318, LAWS OF 2022, TO REMOVE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING SECTION 57-811, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE TAX RELIEF FUND; AMEND-ING CHAPTER 8, TITLE 57, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 57-811, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE TAX RELIEF FUND; AMENDING SECTION 57-827, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RE-GARDING THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENSE FUND; AMENDING SECTION 63-705, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 7, TITLE 63, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 63-724, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX RELIEF; AMENDING SECTION 63-902, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROP-ERTY TAX NOTICES; AMENDING SECTION 63-3024B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFERS FROM THE IDAHO TAX REBATE FUND TO THE HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACCOUNT AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES FUND; AMENDING SECTION 63-3620F, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE DIS-TRIBUTION OF CERTAIN SALES TAXES; AMENDING SECTION 63-3638, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SALES TAX REVENUES; APPROPRIATING MONEYS AND PROVIDING FOR A ONE-TIME CASH TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACCOUNT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature to meet the funding needs of schools and also to grant tax relief to the citizens of Idaho by reducing their property tax burdens. The Legislature finds that property taxes are being driven to a large extent by supplemental levies and bonds for schools and that enhanced funding for education at the state level can mitigate the need for reliance on local property taxpayers for school operations and facility costs and thereby also reduce the number of dates needed for holding school levy and bond elections.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 9, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a <u>NEW SECTION</u>, to be known and designated as Section 33-911, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

- 33-911. SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES FUND. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the school district facilities fund. The fund shall consist of moneys provided pursuant to sections 57-811 and 63-3638, Idaho Code, and any other legislative transfers or appropriations. Interest earned from the investment of moneys in the fund shall be returned to the fund.
- (2) The moneys in the fund shall be distributed by the state controller to the state department of education by August 1 each year for the purpose of construction or renovation of school facilities. The moneys shall be distributed by the state department of education to each school district, as defined in section 33-1001(21), Idaho Code, on a per-pupil basis, using the average daily attendance calculation provided in section 33-1003A, Idaho Code, except that a student attending less than half-time through a virtual learning program shall not be counted toward that school district's average daily attendance calculation. The state department of education shall transfer the moneys by no later than August 31 each year to each school district. Such moneys shall be used in place of property tax levy moneys and shall be expended by a school district for one (1) or more of the purposes set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this subsection. Moneys in the fund must be used by a school district in the following order of priority:
  - (a) Payment of existing school bonds authorized pursuant to chapter 11, title 33, Idaho Code;
  - (b) Payment of supplemental school levies authorized pursuant to section 33-802, Idaho Code, excluding indefinite term supplemental levies described in section 33-802(5), Idaho Code;
  - (c) Saved in a reserve account by the school district for future school facility construction or renovation needs; and
  - (d) For use in securing and making payments on a new school facilities bond.
- (3) The amount of moneys received by a school district pursuant to this section must be deducted from a school levy that would otherwise have been paid by property taxpayers. Such moneys may not be duplicated by the collection of property tax, and no property taxes may be collected in order to make extra payments on expenses described in subsection (2) of this section in excess of required amounts.
- (4) Each school district shall identify the amount received in the current year pursuant to this section in the certification of its budget in accordance with section 63-803, Idaho Code. Said amount must be subtracted from the amount to be levied. The amount of moneys thereby saved from being collected by a property tax levy shall be reported on each property tax notice pursuant to section 63-902, Idaho Code.
- (5) Each school district shall report annually to the state department of education, in a manner prescribed by it, on the expenditure of moneys it has received pursuant to this section. The state department of education shall present the reports to the legislature each January.

SECTION 3. That Section 34-106, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 34-106. LIMITATION UPON ELECTIONS. On and after January 1, 2011, notwithstanding any other provisions of the law to the contrary, there shall be no more than two (2) elections conducted in any county in any calendar year, except as provided in this section or section 34-219 34-220, Idaho Code, and except that elections to fill vacancies in the United States house of representatives shall be held as provided in the governor's proclamation.
  - (1) The dates on which elections may be conducted are:
  - (a) The third Tuesday in May of each year; and

- (b) The Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each year.
- (c) In addition to the elections specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection and subsection (7) of this section, an emergency election may be called upon motion of the governing board of a political subdivision. An emergency exists when there is a great public calamity, such as an extraordinary fire, flood, storm, epidemic, or other disaster, or if it is necessary to do emergency work to prepare for a national or local defense, or it is necessary to do emergency work to safeguard life, health or property.
- (d) In addition to the elections specified elsewhere in this section, a presidential primary shall be held on the second Tuesday in March in each presidential election year. Presidential primaries shall be held separately from other primary elections, which shall be held on the third Tuesday in May even in presidential election years.
- (2) Candidates for office elected in May shall take office on the date specified in the certificate of election but not more than sixty (60) days following the election.
- (3) Candidates for office elected in November shall take office as provided in the constitution, or on January 1 next succeeding the November election.
- (4) The governing board of each political subdivision subject to the provisions of this section, which, prior to January 1, 2011, conducted an election for members of that governing board on a date other than a date permitted in subsection (1) of this section, shall establish as the election date for that political subdivision the date authorized in subsection (1) of this section which falls nearest the date on which elections were previously conducted, unless another date is established by law.
- (5) The secretary of state is authorized to provide such assistance as necessary, and to prescribe any needed rules or interpretations for the conduct of election authorized under the provisions of this section.
- (6) Water districts governed by chapter 6, title 42, Idaho Code, are exempt from the provisions of this section.
- (7) Community colleges governed by chapter 21, title 33, Idaho Code, and school districts are subject to the limitations specified in subsection (1) of this section, except that school districts may also hold an election on the second Tuesday in March of each year and on the last Tuesday in August of each year on bonded indebtedness and property tax levy questions.
- (8) A city initiative or referendum election shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years. A county

initiative or referendum election or a bond, levy and any other ballot question elections conducted by any political subdivision shall be held on the nearest date authorized in subsection (1) of this section which falls more than sixty (60) days after the clerk of the political subdivision orders that such election shall be held in May or November of even-numbered years or more than fifty (50) days after the order for all other elections, unless otherwise provided by law. Ballot language for any question to be placed on the ballot shall be submitted to the county clerk at least sixty (60) days before an election held in May or November of even-numbered years and at least fifty (50) days before all other elections.

- (9) Recall elections may be held on any of the  $\frac{\text{four (4)}}{\text{three (3)}}$  dates authorized in subsections (1) and (7) of this section that fall more than forty-five (45) days after the clerk of the political subdivision orders that such election shall be held.
- (10) Irrigation districts governed by title 43, Idaho Code, are subject to the limitations specified in subsection (1) of this section, except that irrigation districts may also hold an election on the first Tuesday in February of each year and on the first Tuesday in August of each year on questions required to be voted upon by title 43, Idaho Code.
- SECTION 4. That Chapter 8, Title 57, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a  $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$ , to be known and designated as Section 57-810, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:
- 57-810. CASH TRANSFERS FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 57-814, Idaho Code, after the close of each fiscal year in 2023, 2024, and 2025, the state controller shall determine any excess cash balance in the general fund. When calculating any excess cash balance, the state controller shall first provide for the ending balance, as determined by the legislative record, to be carried over into the next fiscal year, plus an amount sufficient to cover encumbrances as approved by the division of financial management and an amount sufficient to cover any reappropriation as authorized by the legislature. On July 1, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, of each such year, there is hereby appropriated one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) or the balance of the general fund excess cash balance, whichever is less, to be transferred as follows:
- (1) The state controller shall transfer the first fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to the homeowner property tax relief account established pursuant to the provisions of section 63-724, Idaho Code; and
- (2) The state tax commission shall transfer the remaining moneys to be used for the purpose of property tax relief in the following manner. Fifty percent (50%) of the remaining moneys shall be distributed to the school district facilities fund established pursuant to section 33-911, Idaho Code, and fifty percent (50%) shall be distributed to each county in the proportion that the amount of property taxes levied for the current tax year and approved pursuant to section 63-809, Idaho Code, on all taxable properties in the county bears to the total amount of property taxes levied for the current tax year and approved pursuant to section 63-809, Idaho Code, in all the counties. This amount shall be certified to the county auditor and tax collector by the state tax commission no later than the first Monday in November. Each county shall apply the moneys received as a credit on each prop-

erty owner's property tax bill in proportion to the amount of property taxes on the property and shall distribute the moneys in the same manner as if they were property taxes.

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SECTION 5. That Section 62, Chapter 318, Laws of 2022, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. That Section 63, Chapter 318, Laws of 2022, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 63. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Sections 5 through 38, 54, 59, and 61 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval; and Sections 1 through 4, 53, 55, 57, 58, and 60 shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2022. Sections 39 through 52 shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2023. Section 62 shall be in full force and effect on and after July 2, 2024. Section 56 shall be in full force and effect on and after October 1, 2024.

SECTION 7. That Section 57-811, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. That Chapter 8, Title 57, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a <u>NEW SECTION</u>, to be known and designated as Section 57-811, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

- 57-811. TAX RELIEF FUND. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the tax relief fund to which shall be credited all moneys remitted from sections 63-3620F and 63-3638, Idaho Code, from federal grants, donations, or any other source. Moneys in the fund are intended to fund future tax relief statutes enacted by the legislature and may be expended pursuant to appropriation. All interest earned on the investment of idle moneys in the fund shall be returned to the fund.
- (2) For fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, twenty percent (20%) of the moneys in the tax relief fund is continuously appropriated and shall be transferred to the school district facilities fund established pursuant to section 33-911, Idaho Code.
- (3) For fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, the state controller shall transfer thirty-six million dollars (\$36,000,000) from the tax relief fund to the state public defense fund established pursuant to section 57-827, Idaho Code.
- (4) For fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter, the state controller shall transfer the remaining balance of the fund or two hundred thirty-six million dollars (\$236,000,000), whichever is less, from the tax relief fund to the general fund.

SECTION 9. That Section 57-827, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 57-827. STATE PUBLIC DEFENSE FUND. (1) There is hereby established in the state treasury the state public defense fund to be managed by the state treasurer. Moneys in the fund shall consist of:
  - (a) Moneys transferred to the fund pursuant to section  $\frac{63-3638(10)}{57-811}$ , Idaho Code;
  - (b) Legislative appropriations to the fund;

- (c) On and after October 1, 2024, any fees or reimbursement ordered pursuant to section 19-854 (7) and 19-858, Idaho Code, or distributed pursuant to section 31-3201I (16), Idaho Code;
- (d) Any bequests or donations to the fund; and
- (e) Interest earned on idle moneys in the fund.
- (2) Moneys in the fund shall be used as determined by legislative appropriation to fulfill the state's obligation to provide indigent public defense pursuant to the sixth amendment of the United States constitution and section 13, article I of the constitution of the state of Idaho.
- SECTION 10. That Section 63-705, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 63-705. PUBLICATION OF CHANGES IN INCOME LIMITATIONS AND PROPERTY TAX OR OCCUPANCY TAX REDUCTION AMOUNTS. (1) (a) The state tax commission shall publish adjustments to the income limitations, which shall be the greater of:
  - $\frac{\text{(i)}}{\text{(a)}}$  An individual's income as defined in section 63-701, Idaho Code, of not more than thirty-one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$31,900) thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000) per household for tax year  $\frac{2021}{\text{2023}}$  and each tax year thereafter; or
  - $\frac{\text{(ii)}}{\text{(b)}}$  One hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty guidelines for a household of two (2) for tax year 2021 and each tax year thereafter.
- $\frac{\text{(b)}}{\text{(2)}}$  On and after January 1,  $\frac{2022}{\text{2023}}$  2023, if the current year's assessed value of the home owned by the individual, according to the current year's assessment notice, exceeds the greater of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) or one hundred fifty percent (150%) four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) or two hundred percent (200%) of the median assessed valuation for all homes in the county receiving the homestead exemption pursuant to section 63-602G, Idaho Code, then the individual will instead be referred to the property tax deferral program set forth in sections 63-712 through 63-721, Idaho Code. Using the current year's assessed values, each county shall report the median assessed value of all properties receiving the homestead exemption in such county as of that date to the state tax commission no later than the first Monday in June. Provided, however, the provisions of this paragraph do not apply to a veteran with either a serviceconnected disability of one hundred percent (100%) or a disability rating based on individual unemployability rating that is compensated at the one hundred percent (100%) disability rate, as certified by the United States department of veterans affairs.
- (c) (3) The lowest income limitation shall allow a maximum reduction of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) in tax year 2021 and thereafter, or actual property taxes or occupancy taxes, as applicable, whichever is less. Each income limitation and reduction amount shall be prorated based

on the basic maximum reduction, in practicable increments, so that the highest income limitation will provide for a reduction of two hundred fifty dollars  $(\$250)_T$  or actual property taxes, whichever is less.

- $\frac{(2)}{(4)}$  The state tax commission shall publish the adjustments required by this section each and every year the secretary of health and human services announces cost-of-living modifications, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 415(i). The adjustments shall be published no later than October 1 of each such year and shall be effective for claims filed in and for the following property tax year.
- $\frac{(3)}{(5)}$  The publication of adjustments under this section shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, but shall be provided to each county and to members of the public upon request and without charge.
- SECTION 11. That Chapter 7, Title 63, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a  $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$ , to be known and designated as Section 63-724, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:
- 63-724. HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX RELIEF. (1) It is the intent of the legislature to provide property tax relief on owner-occupied properties in Idaho receiving the homestead property tax exemption pursuant to section 63-602G, Idaho Code, as of the second Monday in July each year by providing state moneys as replacement funding as provided in this section. This section does not apply to occupancy taxes levied pursuant to section 63-317, Idaho Code.
  - (2) For the purpose of this section:

- (a) "Eligible property taxes" means all property tax levies on homes receiving the homestead property tax exemption pursuant to section 63-602G, Idaho Code, as of the second Monday in July each year, except for bonds, school district levies, plant facility levies, and any voter-approved temporary levy for a specific duration. When calculating the eligible property taxes for the purpose of this section, the taxable value of each property shall include the value of no more than one (1) acre.
- (b) "Homeowner property tax relief homestead" means a property receiving the homestead property tax exemption pursuant to section 63-602G, Idaho Code, as of the second Monday in July each year.
- (3) There is hereby created in the state treasury the homeowner property tax relief account. Moneys in this account shall consist of moneys transferred from the general fund and are continuously appropriated for homeowner property tax relief pursuant to the provisions of this section.
- (4) The county assessor shall prepare a homeowner property tax relief roll, which shall be in addition to all other property rolls. By no later than the fourth Monday of August each year, the homeowner property tax relief roll shall be certified by the county assessor to the county auditor and to the state tax commission in the manner prescribed by rules promulgated by the state tax commission. The homeowner property tax relief roll shall show:
  - (a) The name of the taxpayer;
  - (b) An accurate description of the homeowner property tax relief homestead; and
  - (c) The property's current market value for assessment purposes.

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- (5) (a) The county auditor shall complete the homeowner property tax relief roll by adding the following information:
  - (i) The current year's levy for the tax code area in which the property is situated;
  - (ii) The amount of eligible property taxes levied on each qualifying homestead; and
  - (iii) The total amount of eligible property taxes levied on all properties within the county that are receiving the homestead property tax exemption as of the second Monday in July of each year.
- (b) By no later than the fourth Monday of October each year, the county auditor shall certify the completed homeowner property tax relief roll to the state tax commission in the manner prescribed by rules promulgated by the state tax commission.
- (6) The state tax commission shall determine the total number of homeowner property tax relief homesteads to be allowed in each county, the dollar amount of eligible property taxes for each homeowner property tax relief homestead allowed, and the total dollar amount of eligible property taxes for all homeowner property tax relief homesteads within each county. The state tax commission shall divide the moneys in the homeowner property tax relief account as of August 1 each year by the total dollar amount of eligible property taxes levied on all such property tax relief homesteads in all counties, then multiply the result by the total amount of eligible property taxes levied on such homesteads in each county. This amount shall be certified to the county auditor and tax collector by the state tax commission no later than the first Monday in November. By no later than December 20 of each year, the state tax commission shall pay to the county tax collector of each county the first half of the amount due to each county as reimbursement for homeowner property tax relief as provided in this section and shall pay the second half of such amount by no later than June 20 of the following year.
- The state tax commission may audit each and every property on the homeowner property tax relief roll. If the state tax commission determines that a homeowner property tax relief homestead credit is erroneous, the state tax commission shall disapprove as much of the credit as necessary in order to conform with statutory standards. The state tax commission shall provide the homeowner written notice of the state tax commission's intent to disapprove all or a portion of the credit. The homeowner shall have twenty-eight (28) days to make written protest to the state tax commission of the intended action. The homeowner may submit additional information and may request an informal hearing with the state tax commission. If the homeowner fails to make written protest within twenty-eight (28) days, the state tax commission shall provide written notice of disapproval to both the homeowner and the county auditor of the county in which the property is situated by December 20. Any homeowner whose claim is disapproved in whole or in part by the state tax commission may appeal such disapproval to the board of tax appeals or to the district court of the county of residence of the taxpayer within thirty (30) days.
- (8) Each county treasurer shall apply the moneys received pursuant to subsection (6) of this section to the eligible property taxes levied on the properties listed on the certified homeowner property tax relief roll that

year. The moneys shall be designated as a line item credit against the total of all eligible property taxes on the property tax bill for each property receiving the tax relief provided by this section. Such moneys shall be distributed in the same manner as property tax revenues.

- (9) The amount of property tax relief for a homeowner's property taxes shall be applied after the homestead exemption pursuant to section 63-602G, Idaho Code, has been applied. The property tax relief amount cannot exceed the actual amount of current eligible property taxes due on the homeowner's property tax notice. No delinquent property taxes, penalties, interest, or fines may be paid with moneys from this program.
- (10) Nothing in this section shall prevent a homeowner from applying for or receiving any other property tax relief provided pursuant to this chapter. The property tax relief provided pursuant to this section shall be credited to the homeowner's property tax bill before any other property tax relief is applied, up to a maximum of the actual property taxes due on the homeowner property tax relief homestead.
- (11) Any amount of homeowner property tax relief moneys distributed by the state tax commission to a county that exceeds the total amount of all eligible property taxes due from all homeowner property tax relief homesteads in the county shall revert to the state general fund. The county treasurer shall deposit such moneys with the state treasurer by the fourth Monday in July each year for the preceding property tax year.
- (12) Within three (3) years of payment, the state tax commission may recover any erroneous or incorrect payment made to any homeowner receiving relief under this section. The deficiency determination, collection, and enforcement procedures provided in chapter 30, title 63, Idaho Code, shall apply and be available to the state tax commission for enforcement and collection under this section. Wherever liens or any other proceedings are defined as income tax liens or proceedings, they shall, when applied in enforcement or collection under this section, be described as tax relief liens and proceedings. In connection with this section, a deficiency shall consist of any amount erroneously paid on behalf of a homeowner under this section.

SECTION 12. That Section 63-902, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 63-902. PROPERTY TAX NOTICE AND RECEIPTS -- DUTY OF TAX COLLECTOR. (1) For property on the property roll or operating property roll, the county tax collector must, prior to the fourth Monday of November in each year, mail or transmit electronically, as that term is defined in section 63-115, Idaho Code, if electronic transmission is requested by the taxpayer, to every taxpayer, or to his agent or representative, at his last known post office address, a tax notice prepared upon forms prescribed in section 63-219, Idaho Code, which shall contain at least the following:
  - (a) The year in which the property tax was levied;
  - (b) The name and address of the property owner;
  - (c) An accurate description of the property or, in lieu thereof, the tax number of record;
  - (d) The parcel number;

- (e) Full market value for assessment purposes;
- (f) The total amount of property taxes due:

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(i) State;
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- (iii) City;
- (iv) School district separately shown as:
  - (A) Maintenance and operation;
  - (B) Bond;
  - (C) Supplemental;
  - (D) Other;
- (v) And every other tax being separately shown.
- (g) All property tax levies in the tax code area;
- (h) The expiration dates of all bonds and levies approved by voters at an election for each taxing district as defined in section 63-3101, Idaho Code, submitted to the tax collector pursuant to section 63-803(5), Idaho Code;
- (i) The date when such property taxes become delinquent;
- (j) Notation of delinquencies against said property;
- (k) Whether an interim payment account exists;
- (1) The combined amount of property tax savings, which shall be labeled on the notice as "tax relief appropriated by the Legislature", for each taxpayer as a result of moneys received by a school district from the school district facilities fund established pursuant to section 33-911, Idaho Code, and the homeowner property tax relief granted pursuant to section 63-724, Idaho Code, if any;
- (1) (m) The different payment options available to the taxpayer, his agent, or representative, which shall be printed in boldface type in a contrasting color or highlighted on the face of the tax notice; and
- (m) (n) The total amount of property taxes for the previous tax year.
- (2) The information required by subsection (1) (h) of this section may be satisfied if the county treasurer provides an annual insert with the tax notice or a link on the tax notice to the county website where the information required by subsection (1) (h) of this section can be accessed. Such information must be archived on the county website. In addition to including the link to the county website, the county treasurer may also include on the tax notice a quick response code to access the information required by subsection (1) (h) of this section.
- (3) The tax notices shall be numbered consecutively and the numbers must be entered upon all property rolls.
- (4) Tax notices prepared in tax code area format shall state that levy sheets are available to the public.
- (5) Levy sheets shall list the total property tax levy for each taxing district or taxing jurisdiction and the total in each tax code area.
- (6) If the taxpayer is one other than the equitable titleholder, such as an escrowee, trustee of trust deed or other third party, the taxpayer shall deliver to the equitable titleholder a statement of the total amount of property taxes billed, on or before the second Monday of December.
- (7) The tax collector in each county of the state is authorized to destroy all duplicate property tax receipts and microfilm of tax receipts on file in his office as they reach ten (10) years old. Property tax receipts may be destroyed if information has been replicated in other storage media.

(8) Computer and data processing routines for completion of all phases of the property tax roll procedures may be utilized with the responsibility for completion of each office's statutory duties to remain under the supervision of that office. Wherever the designation "property roll" appears within title 63, Idaho Code, data processing or computer procedures and forms may be substituted as permanent records.

- (9) The county tax collector must, as soon as possible after the subsequent or missed property roll is delivered to him from the county auditor, mail or transmit electronically, if electronic transmission is requested by the taxpayer, a notice to every taxpayer listed on the subsequent or missed property roll, or to his agent or representative. The notice shall conform as nearly as possible to the notice required for property listed on the property roll.
- (10) Failure to mail or transmit electronically, if electronic transmission is requested by the taxpayer, such property tax notice, or receipt of said notice by the taxpayer, shall not invalidate the property taxes, or any proceedings in the collection of property taxes, or any proceedings in the foreclosure of property tax liens.
- (11) No charge, other than property taxes, shall be included on a tax notice unless the entity placing such charge has received approval from the board of county commissioners to place such charge on the tax notice and such entity:
  - (a) Has the authority by law to place a lien on property; and
  - (b) Has the authority to certify such charge to the auditor; and
  - (c) Is required to collect such charge in the same manner provided by law for the collection of real and personal property taxes.
- (12) If a taxpayer requests to receive a tax notice electronically, the request must be made on a form provided by the county tax collector.
- SECTION 13. That Section 63-3024B, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 63-3024B. IDAHO TAX REBATE FUND. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the Idaho tax rebate fund for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this section.
  - (a) Up to two hundred twenty million dollars (\$220,000,000), less administrative costs, shall be distributed by the state tax commission to pay rebates to individual taxpayers as provided in subsection (2) of this section, which moneys are continuously appropriated.
  - (b) For rebates authorized under subsection (3) of this section, up to three hundred fifty million dollars (\$350,000,000), less administrative costs, shall be distributed by the state tax commission to pay rebates to individual taxpayers, which moneys are continuously appropriated.
  - (c) For rebates authorized under subsection (4) of this section, up to five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000), less administrative costs, shall be distributed by the state tax commission to pay rebates to individual taxpayers, which moneys are continuously appropriated.
  - (d) On June 1, 2023, of the moneys remaining following the distributions authorized pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this subsection, anticipated to be approximately one hundred thirty million

 dollars (\$130,000,000), fifty percent (50%) shall be transferred by the state controller to the homeowner property tax relief account established pursuant to section 63-724, Idaho Code, and fifty percent (50%) shall be transferred by the state controller to the school district facilities fund established pursuant to section 33-911, Idaho Code.

- (2) After filing a 2020 Idaho individual income tax return or form 24 on or before December 31, 2021, any full-year resident taxpayer who also filed an individual income tax return or a form 24 for 2019 shall receive a onetime, nontaxable income tax rebate check in an amount approximately equal to nine percent (9%) of the tax amount, if any, reported on 2019 form 40, line 20, or for service members on 2019 form 43, line 42, or fifty dollars (\$50.00) per taxpayer and each dependent, whichever is more. Any unexpended moneys remaining from the rebate authorized under this subsection shall be added by the state tax commission to the moneys designated for the rebate authorized under subsection (3) of this section.
- (3) After filing a 2021 Idaho individual income tax return or form 24 on or before December 31, 2022, any full-year resident taxpayer who also filed a 2020 individual income tax return or form 24 on or before December 31, 2022, shall receive a onetime, nontaxable income tax rebate check in an amount approximately equal to twelve percent (12%) of the tax amount, if any, reported on 2020 form 40, line 20, or for service members on 2020 form 43, line 42, or seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per taxpayer and each dependent, whichever is more. The state tax commission shall issue such rebates during the 2022 fiscal year and 2023 fiscal year to the extent possible.
- (4) In addition to the rebate granted under subsection (3) of this section, after filing a 2021 Idaho individual income tax return or form 24 on or before December 31, 2022, any full-year resident taxpayer who also filed a 2020 individual income tax return or a form 24 on or before December 31, 2022, shall receive a onetime nontaxable income tax rebate check in an amount approximately equal to ten percent (10%) of the tax amount, if any, reported on 2020 form 40, line 20, or for service members on 2020 form 43, line 42, or three hundred dollars (\$300) per individual return or six hundred dollars (\$600) per joint return, whichever is more. The state tax commission shall issue such rebates during the 2023 fiscal year to the extent possible.
- SECTION 14. That Section 63-3620F, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 63-3620F. DISTRIBUTION OF TAX COLLECTED BY MARKETPLACE FACILITATORS AND OUT-OF-STATE RETAILERS. (1) State sales and use taxes collected by retailers without a physical presence in Idaho, as described in section 63-3611(3)(h), Idaho Code, and state sales and use taxes collected on transactions facilitated for third-party sellers by marketplace facilitators, as described in section 63-3605E, Idaho Code, shall be distributed as provided in this section.
- (2) From June 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024, all  $\underline{\text{All}}$  state sales and use taxes described in subsection (1) of this section shall be distributed by the state tax commission as follows:
  - (a) An amount of money shall be distributed to the state refund account sufficient to pay current refund claims under this section. All refunds authorized for payment by the state tax commission shall be paid through

 the state refund account and those moneys are continuously appropriated; and

- (b) All remaining funds received pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the tax relief fund established in section 57-811, Idaho Code.
- (3) On and after July 1, 2024, all state sales and use taxes described in subsection (1) of this section shall be distributed by the state tax commission through the distribution formula set forth for other sales and use tax revenue in section 63-3638, Idaho Code.
- (4) (3) Marketplace facilitators must obtain a separate seller's permit and collect and remit under that separate permit for state sales and use taxes collected on transactions facilitated for third-party sellers.
- SECTION 15. That Section 63-3638, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 63-3638. SALES TAX -- DISTRIBUTION. All moneys collected under this chapter, except as may otherwise be required in sections 63-3203, 63-3620F, and 63-3709, Idaho Code, and except as provided in subsection (16) of this section, shall be distributed by the state tax commission as follows:
- (1) An amount of money shall be distributed to the state refund account sufficient to pay current refund claims. All refunds authorized under this chapter by the state tax commission shall be paid through the state refund account, and those moneys are continuously appropriated.
- (2) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per year is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the permanent building fund, provided by section 57-1108, Idaho Code.
- (3) Four million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$4,800,000) per year is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the water pollution control fund established by section 39-3628, Idaho Code.
- (4) An amount equal to the sum required to be certified by the chairman of the Idaho housing and finance association to the state tax commission pursuant to section 67-6211, Idaho Code, in each year is continuously appropriated and shall be paid to any capital reserve fund established by the Idaho housing and finance association pursuant to section 67-6211, Idaho Code. Such amounts, if any, as may be appropriated hereunder to the capital reserve fund of the Idaho housing and finance association shall be repaid for distribution under the provisions of this section, subject to the provisions of section 67-6215, Idaho Code, by the Idaho housing and finance association, as soon as possible, from any moneys available therefor and in excess of the amounts the association determines will keep it self-supporting.
- (5) An amount equal to the sum required by the provisions of sections 63-709 and 63-717, Idaho Code, after allowance for the amount appropriated by section 63-718(3), Idaho Code, is continuously appropriated and shall be paid as provided by sections 63-709 and 63-717, Idaho Code.
- (6) An amount required by the provisions of chapter 53, title 33, Idaho Code.
- (7) An amount required by the provisions of chapter 87, title 67, Idaho Code.
- (8) For fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000), of which two million two hundred

thousand dollars (\$2,200,000) shall be distributed to each of the forty-four (44) counties in equal amounts and one million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$1,900,000) shall be distributed to the forty-four (44) counties in the proportion that the population of the county bears to the population of the state. For fiscal year 2012 and for each fiscal year thereafter, the amount distributed pursuant to this subsection shall be adjusted annually by the state tax commission in accordance with the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) as published by the U.S. department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, but in no fiscal year shall the total amount allocated for counties under this subsection be less than four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000). Any increase resulting from the adjustment required in this section shall be distributed to each county in the proportion that the population of the county bears to the population of the state. Each county shall establish a special election fund to which shall be deposited all revenues received from the distribution pursuant to this subsection. All such revenues shall be used exclusively to defray the costs associated with conducting elections as required of county clerks by the provisions of section 34-1401, Idaho Code.

- (9) One dollar (\$1.00) on each application for certificate of title or initial application for registration of a motor vehicle, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or other vehicle processed by the county assessor or the Idaho transportation department, excepting those applications in which any sales or use taxes due have been previously collected by a retailer, shall be a fee for the services of the assessor of the county or the Idaho transportation department in collecting such taxes and shall be paid into the current expense fund of the county or state highway account established in section 40-702, Idaho Code.
- (10) Eleven and five-tenths percent (11.5%) of revenues collected under this chapter, following any distributions required by sections 63-3203, 63-3620F, and 63-3709, Idaho Code, and by subsection (1) of this section, is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the revenue-sharing account, which is hereby created in the state treasury, and the moneys in the revenue-sharing account will be paid in installments each calendar quarter by the state tax commission as follows:
  - (a) Forty-five and two-tenths percent (45.2%) shall be paid to the various cities as follows:
    - (i) Beginning in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, four million dollars (\$4,000,000) shall be transferred each quarter to the state public defense fund created in section 57-827, Idaho Code.
    - (ii) After the distribution required by subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the
    - <u>(i)</u> The revenue-sharing amount calculated by the state tax commission for the various cities for each quarter of fiscal year 2020 shall be the base amount for current quarterly revenue distribution amounts. The state tax commission shall calculate the per capita distribution for each city resulting from the previous fiscal year's distributions.
    - (iii) (iii) If there is no change in the amount of the revenue-sharing account from the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, then

the various cities shall receive the same amount received for the same quarter of the previous fiscal year.

(iv) (iii) If the balance of the revenue-sharing account for the current quarter is greater than the balance of the revenue-sharing account for the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, then:

- 1. If the distributions made to the cities during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year were below the base amount established in fiscal year 2020, then the various cities shall first receive a proportional increase up to the base amount for each city and up to a one percent (1%) increase over such base amount. Any remaining moneys shall be distributed to cities with a below-average per capita distribution in the proportion that the population of that city bears to the population of all cities with below-average per capita distributions within the state.
- 2. If the distributions made to the cities during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year were at or above the base amount established in fiscal year 2020, then the cities shall receive the same distribution they received during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year plus a proportional increase up to one percent (1%). Any remaining moneys shall be distributed to the cities with a below-average per capita distribution in the proportion that the population of that city bears to the population of all cities with a below-average per capita distribution within the state.
- (v) (iv) If the balance of the revenue-sharing account for the current quarter is less than the balance of the revenue-sharing account for the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, then the cities shall first receive a proportional reduction down to the base amount established in fiscal year 2020. If further reductions are necessary, the cities shall receive reductions based on the proportion that each city's population bears to the population of all cities within the state.
- (b) Forty-seven and one-tenth percent (47.1%) shall be paid to the various counties as follows:
  - (i) Beginning in fiscal year 2025, five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be transferred each quarter to the state public defense fund created in section 57-827, Idaho Code. The growth percentage distributed pursuant to this subparagraph shall be recalculated each quarter beginning in fiscal year 2026 and in each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal year 2030. If the growth is positive and is calculated over the same period from the previous fiscal year, a proportional increase in the initial transfer amount of up to five percent (5%) annually shall be transferred to the state public defense fund. After fiscal year 2030, an amount equal to one-fourth (1/4) of the total amount transferred to the state public defense fund in fiscal year 2030 pursuant to this subparagraph shall be transferred quarterly to the state public defense fund;

(ii) Following the distribution required by subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, fifty-nine

(i) Fifty-nine and eight-tenths percent (59.8%) of the amount to

- (i) Fifty-nine and eight-tenths percent (59.8%) of the amount to be distributed under this paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be distributed as follows:
  - 1. One million three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$1,320,000) annually shall be distributed one forty-fourth (1/44) to each of the various counties; and
  - 2. The balance of such amount shall be paid to the various counties, and each county shall be entitled to an amount in the proportion that the population of that county bears to the population of the state; and
- (iii) Following the distribution required by subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, forty
- (ii) Forty and two-tenths percent (40.2%) of the amount to be distributed under this paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be distributed as follows:
  - 1. Each county that received a payment under the provisions of section 63-3638(e), Idaho Code, as that subsection existed immediately prior to July 1, 2000, during the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, shall be entitled to a like amount during succeeding calendar quarters.
  - 2. If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10) (b) (iii) (ii) in any quarter does not equal the amount paid in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, each county's payment shall be reduced proportionately.
  - 3. If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10)(b)(iii)(ii) in any quarter exceeds the amount paid in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, each county shall be entitled to a proportionately increased payment, but such increase shall not exceed one hundred five percent (105%) of the total payment made in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999.
  - 4. If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10) (b)  $\frac{\text{(iii)}}{\text{(ii)}}$  in any quarter exceeds one hundred five percent (105%) of the total payment made in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, any amount over and above such one hundred five percent (105%) shall be paid to the various counties in the proportion that the population of the county bears to the population of the state; and
- (c) Seven and seven-tenths percent (7.7%) of the amount appropriated in this subsection shall be paid to the several counties for distribution to special purpose taxing districts as follows:
  - (i) Each such district that received a payment under the provisions of section 63-3638(e), Idaho Code, as such subsection existed immediately prior to July 1, 2000, during the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, shall be entitled to a like amount during succeeding calendar quarters.
  - (ii) If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10)(c) in any quarter does not equal the amount paid in the

fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, each special purpose taxing district's payment shall be reduced proportionately.

- (iii) If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10)(c) in any quarter exceeds the amount distributed under paragraph (c)(i) of this subsection, each special purpose taxing district shall be entitled to a share of the excess based on the proportion each such district's current property tax budget bears to the sum of the current property tax budgets of all such districts in the state. The state tax commission shall calculate district current property tax budgets to include any unrecovered forgone amounts as determined under section 63-802(1)(e), Idaho Code. When a special purpose taxing district is situated in more than one (1) county, the state tax commission shall determine the portion attributable to the special purpose taxing district from each county in which it is situated.
- (iv) If special purpose taxing districts are consolidated, the resulting district is entitled to a base amount equal to the sum of the base amounts received in the last calendar quarter by each district prior to the consolidation.
- (v) If a special purpose taxing district is dissolved or disincorporated, the state tax commission shall continuously distribute to the board of county commissioners an amount equal to the last quarter's distribution prior to dissolution or disincorporation. The board of county commissioners shall determine any redistribution of moneys so received.
- (vi) Taxing districts formed after January 1, 2001, are not entitled to a payment under the provisions of this paragraph (c) of this subsection.
- (vii) For purposes of this paragraph (c) of this subsection, a special purpose taxing district is any taxing district that is not a city, a county, or a school district.
- (11) Amounts calculated in accordance with section 2, chapter 356, laws of 2001, for annual distribution to counties and other taxing districts beginning in October 2001 for replacement of property tax on farm machinery and equipment exempted pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code. For nonschool districts, the state tax commission shall distribute one-fourth (1/4) of this amount certified quarterly to each county. For school districts, the state tax commission shall distribute one-fourth (1/4) of the amount certified quarterly to each school district. For nonschool districts, the county auditor shall distribute such amounts to each district within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of moneys from the state tax commission. Moneys received by each taxing district for replacement shall be utilized in the same manner and in the same proportions as revenues from property taxation. The moneys remitted to the county treasurer for replacement of property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code, may be considered by the counties and other taxing districts and budgeted at the same time, in the same manner and in the same year as revenues from taxation on personal property which these moneys replace. If taxing districts are consolidated, the resulting district is entitled to an amount equal to the sum of the amounts received in the last calendar quarter by each district

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pursuant to this subsection prior to the consolidation. If a taxing district is dissolved or disincorporated, the state tax commission shall continuously distribute to the board of county commissioners an amount equal to the last quarter's distribution prior to dissolution or disincorporation. The board of county commissioners shall determine any redistribution of moneys so received. If a taxing district annexes territory, the distribution of moneys received pursuant to this subsection shall be unaffected. Taxing districts formed after January 1, 2001, are not entitled to a payment under the provisions of this subsection. School districts shall receive an amount determined by multiplying the sum of the year 2000 school district levy minus .004 times the market value on December 31, 2000, in the district of the property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code, provided that the result of these calculations shall not be less than zero (0). The result of these school district calculations shall be further increased by six percent (6%). For purposes of the limitation provided by section 63-802, Idaho Code, moneys received pursuant to this section as property tax replacement for property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code, shall be treated as property tax revenues.

- (12) Amounts necessary to pay refunds as provided in section 63-3641, Idaho Code, to a developer of a retail complex shall be remitted to the demonstration pilot project fund created in section 63-3641, Idaho Code.
- (13) Amounts calculated in accordance with section 63-602KK(4), Idaho Code, for annual distribution to counties and other taxing districts for replacement of property tax on personal property tax exemptions pursuant to section 63-602KK(2), Idaho Code, which amounts are continuously appropriated unless the legislature enacts a different appropriation for a particular fiscal year. For purposes of the limitation provided by section 63-802, Idaho Code, moneys received pursuant to this section as property tax replacement for property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602KK, Idaho Code, shall be treated as property tax revenues. If taxing districts are consolidated, the resulting district is entitled to an amount equal to the sum of the amounts that were received in the last calendar year by each district pursuant to this subsection prior to the consolidation. If a taxing district or revenue allocation area annexes territory, the distribution of moneys received pursuant to this subsection shall be unaffected. Taxing districts and revenue allocation areas formed after January 1, 2022, are not entitled to a payment under the provisions of this subsection.
- (14) For fiscal years 2023 and 2024 only, a sum of thirty-four million dollars (\$34,000,000) shall be distributed each year by the state tax commission to the forty-four (44) counties in the proportion that the expenditures of each county for indigent defense services during county fiscal year 2021, excluding any state funding or grants, bear to the expenditures of all counties in the state for indigent defense services during county fiscal year 2021, excluding any state funding or grants. No later than July 1, 2022, the state public defense commission shall certify to the state tax commission each county's proportionate share of all counties' indigent defense expenses in county fiscal year 2021, excluding any state funding or grants.
- (15) Any moneys remaining over and above those necessary to meet and reserve for payments under other subsections of this section shall be distributed to the general fund.

(15) For fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, two and twenty-five hundredths percent (2.25%) of revenues collected under this chapter, following any distributions required by sections 63-3203, 63-3620F, and 63-3709, Idaho Code, and by subsections (1) and (10) of this section, is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed annually to the homeowner property tax relief account established in section 63-724, Idaho Code.

- (16) (a) Four and five-tenths percent (4.5%), but not less than eighty of revenues collected under this chapter, following any distributions required by sections 63-3203, 63-3620F, and 63-3709, Idaho Code, and by subsections (1) and (10) of this section, or one hundred forty million dollars (\$140,000,000), whichever is less, shall be distributed as follows:
  - (a) Eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000) $_{\tau}$  is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the transportation expansion and congestion mitigation fund established in section 40-720, Idaho Code $_{\tau}$ ; and
  - (b) Any portion of the four and five-tenths percent (4.5%) The remaining moneys provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection that exceeds eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000) is continuously appropriated and shall be apportioned to local units of government for local highway projects in the same percentages provided for in section 40-709(1) through (3), Idaho Code. Local units of government may pool funds allocated to them pursuant to this paragraph for local highway projects.
  - (c) The distribution provided for in this subsection must immediately follow the distribution provided for in subsection (10) of this section.
- (17) Beginning in fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, three hundred thirty million dollars (\$330,000,000) shall be distributed annually to the public school income fund created in section 33-903, Idaho Code, and eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000) shall be distributed annually to the in-demand careers fund established in section 33-4305, Idaho Code. The state tax commission shall make such transfers in quarterly installments. The distributions required by this subsection must immediately follow the distributions provided for in subsection (16) of this section.
- (18) For fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, two and twenty-five hundredths percent (2.25%) of revenues collected under this chapter, following any distributions required by sections 63-3203, 63-3620F, and 63-3709, Idaho Code, and by subsections (1) and (10) of this section, is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed annually to the school district facilities fund established pursuant to section 33-911, Idaho Code.
- (19) Any moneys remaining over and above those necessary to meet and reserve for payments under other subsections of this section shall be distributed to the general fund.

SECTION 16. ONE-TIME CASH TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND. Moneys from the General Fund, in addition to moneys from the Idaho Tax Rebate Fund, shall be used to fund the first year of the homeowner property tax relief program pursuant to Section 63-724, Idaho Code, prior to the availability of sales tax funding pursuant to Section 63-3638(15), Idaho Code, as provided in this act. There is hereby appropriated and the State Tax Commission shall transfer \$75,000,000 from the General Fund to the Homeowner Property Tax Relief

Account established pursuant to Section 63-724, Idaho Code, on June 1, 2023, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

SECTION 17. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this act are hereby declared to be severable and if any provision of this act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this act.

SECTION 18. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Sections 1 through 9 and 11 through 17 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval, and Section 10 of this act shall be in full force and effect after passage and approval, and retroactively to January 1, 2023.